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ABSTRACT

Los Angeles City College (LACC) catalogs for 1979 and every fifth year preceding 1979 were examined to investigate trends in the numbers and characteristics of faculty during the 50 years of the College's history. Variables included in the study were number of faculty, sex, length of time at the college, and highest degree attained. The study showed that, consistent with day enrollment, LACC faculty experienced its highest growth periods in the late 1960's and 1940's when 129 and 123 faculty members were added, respectively. The lowest growth period was during World War II, when only nine new faculty members were added. Results also indicated that 37% of the 1979 faculty members were women. During the five-year period ending in 1979, 48% of the new teachers hired were women; this was the highest percentage of any five-year period. An examination of degrees held revealed that 17% of the 1979 faculty members had doctorates, a percentage that was higher only in 1954. The study report includes graphs and tables depicting: (1) the number of faculty by sex and year of original employment: (2) the highest degree attained by LACC faculty members: (3) the universities that awarded degrees to the 1979 faculty members: (4) the number of teachers hired during each five-year period: and (5) the percentage of female instructors. (Author/JP)

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Purpose of the Study

Los Angeles City College is currently celebrating its fiftieth year of existence. This study was prepared to investigate trends in numbers and characteristics of faculty over that fifty year period, as indicated by catalog description of faculty.

Procedure of the Study

Catalogs for 1979 and every fifth year preceding were examined and faculty characteristics tallied. Variables included in the study are number of faculty, sex, length of time, and highest degree attained.

Findings

Table 1 indicates the number of faculty (listed in each of the eleven catalogs examined) by sex and year of original employment. Summarized at the bottom of the table are the total number of employees by sex and also the number employed grouped in five year intervals which include the year indicated and the four years prior. Table 2 summarizes the highest degree attained by the faculty for each of the eleven years, while Table 3 shows the institutions awarding doctorates to 1979 faculty who received the degree.

Figures 1 and 2 show graphically trends in number of faculty and percent female.

Note: All of the data in this study cannot be guaranteed accurate. Some catalog data were unavailable and estimates were made, some catalog data included current new faculty while some did not, some judgments as to sex had to be made, and the data were difficult to count precisely. Errors are believed to be not over 10% however.

Included in this study for comparative purposes is a previously prepared chart showing college enrollment over the fifty year period.

Table I Los Angeles City College Full-Time Faculty 1929 - 1979
(Number listed in catalog at 5-year intervals)

Year Employed	Catalog Year 1929 (M)	(F)	1934 (M)	(F)	1939 (M)	(F)	1944 (M)	(F)	1949 (M)	(F)	1954 (M)	(F)	1959 (M)	(F)	1964 (M)	(F)	1969 (M)	(F)	1974 (M)	(F)	1979 (M)	(F)
1979																					2	0
1978																					7	5
1977																					4	12
1976																					11	4
1975																					13	13
1974																			12	3	12	3
1973																			16	13	14	13
1972																			15	8	12	8
1971																			6	6	6	6
1970																			8	6	6	3
1969																	15	13	15	13	9	9
1968																	21	8	17	8	13	6
1967																	12	11	11	7	10	5
1966																	27	8	22	8	18	6
1965																	5	9	4	5	4	5
1964															6	5	6	5	6	3	4	2
1963															3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2
1962															6	2	6	2	5	2	4	2
1961															6	8	4	7	4	5	4	2
1960															1	2	1	1	1	1	1	0
1959													8	9	8	9	5	9	3	8	2	6
1958													13	6	13	5	12	5	9	4	6	1
1957													11	3	9	1	6	1	5	1	4	0
1956													15	6	15	3	15	2	12	1	9	0
1955													19	2	12	2	12	2	10	0	8	0
1954											7	3	7	3	7	3	7	3	6	3	6	2
1953											2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2
1952											1	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1951											1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
1950											9	2	7	2	7	1	6	1	4	0	3	0
1949									10	9	10	9	10	6	10	4	9	4	6	3	3	1
1948									18	4	18	4	13	4	13	3	13	3	8	1	5	0
1947									26	8	21	7	17	7	10	7	10	4	7	3	4	2
1946									38	10	36	10	28	10	24	6	16	6	16	2	2	2
1945									0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1944							1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1943							5	0	5	0	4	1	4	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
1942							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1941							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1940							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1939					6	1	5	0	5	0	5	1	4	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
1938					15	8	6	2	5	2	5	2	4	1	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
1937					5	2	4	2	4	1	3	1	3	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1936					4	1	3	1	3	1	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1935					4	2	4	2	4	2	4	1	4	1	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
1934			3	5	2	5	2	3	2	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1933			16	8	11	8	9	7	9	5	9	5	8	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
1932			5	3	5	3	5	3	4	3	3	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1931			25	8	23	8	18	10	17	11	14	7	14	2	9	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
1930			25	13	25	13	25	8	25	8	25	5	16	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1929	68	31	60	18	38	14	26	13	25	12	16	8	11	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	68	31	134	55	138	65	114	52	202	81	199	77	225	81	199	72	229	111	239	119	209	121
# Employed	99		189		203		166		283		276		306		271		340		358		330	
%F	31.3		29.1		32.0		31.3		28.6		27.9		26.5		26.6		32.6		33.2		36.7	
# New M	68		74		34		7		92		19		66		22		80		57		37	
Previous F	31		37		14		2		31		10		26		19		49		36		34	
5 Years T	99		111		48		9		123		29		92		41		129		93		71	
%F	31.3		33.3		29.2		22.2		25.2		34.5		28.3		46.3		38.0		38.7		47.9	

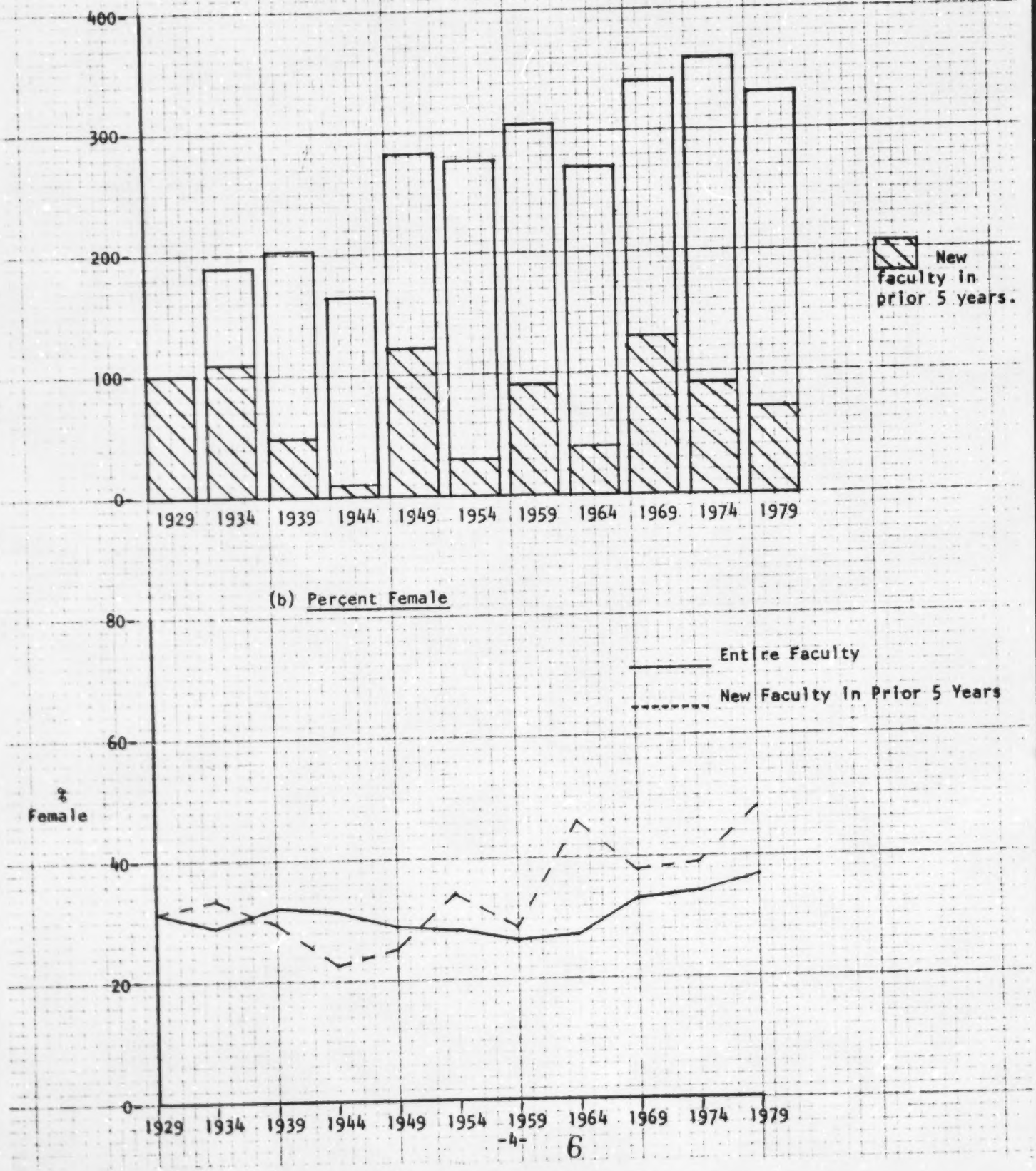
Table 2 Highest Degree Attained by LACC Full-Time Faculty 1929 - 1979 (Catalog listings at 5-year intervals) in Percent

Catalog Year	HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED			
	Less Than Bachelor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
1929	1.0	22.2	62.2	14.1
1934	2.2	15.8	65.8	16.3
1939	0.9	18.8	66.7	13.6
1944	0.0	22.0	61.0	17.1
1949	0.0	14.9	70.2	14.5
1954	8.7	13.0	68.0	18.2
1959	0.6	10.3	73.0	16.0
1964	0.0	9.4	77.8	12.8
1969	1.5	11.3	75.3	11.9
1974	3.7	12.2	72.3	11.9
1979	1.8	10.9	70.2	17.1

Table 3 Universities Awarding Doctorates to 1979 Faculty

University	No.
USC	20
UCLA	13
Nova	6
Claremont	2
Mich. State	2
Other (1 each)	13
Total	58

Figure 1 LACC Full-Time Faculty 1929 - 1979



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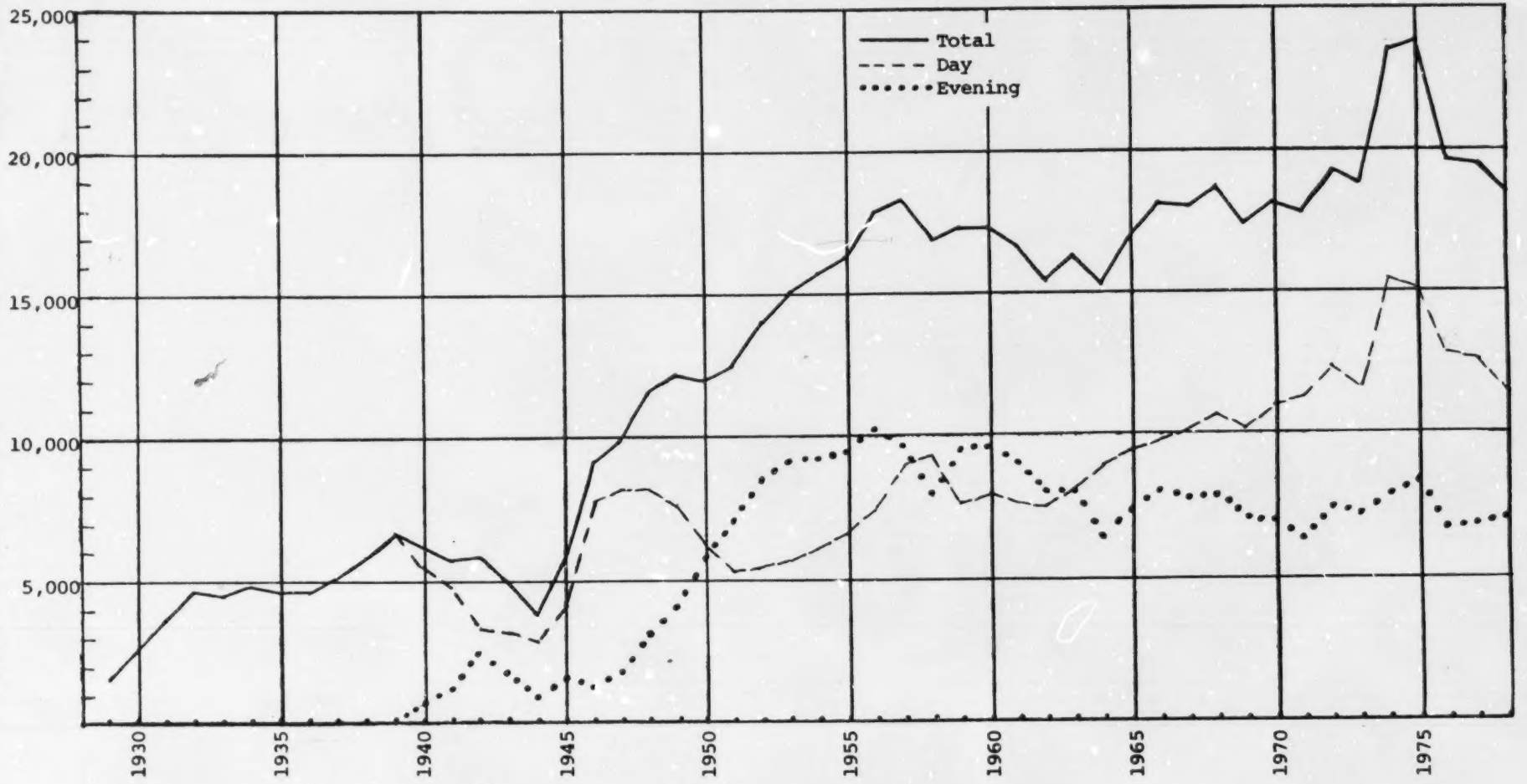

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Conclusions

This study looks at numbers and characteristics of Los Angeles City College full-time faculty from 1929 - 1979, as reported in the college catalogs (examined at five year intervals.)

Following are some observations:

(1) Consistent with day enrollment, LACC faculty experienced its largest growth periods in the late 1960's and 1940's when 129 and 123 new faculty were added during those five year periods. Lowest growth was during the five war years of the early forties when only nine new faculty were added (and many dismissed).

(2) During the five year period ending in 1979, 48% of new faculty hired were women, the highest percentage of any five year period. 37% of the current faculty are women, the highest in the eleven years studied.

(3) 17% of current faculty have doctorates, the second highest of the years studied (1954 showed the highest). USC and UCLA accounted for over half of the doctorates, with USC awarding 20, UCLA 13, followed by Nova University with 6. 87% of current faculty have the Master's or Doctor's degree.

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